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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

William J. Dower, et al.

Application No.: 09/661,927

Filed: September 14, 2000

For: SUBSTRATES AND SCREENING

METHODS FOR TRANSPORT

PROTEINS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 1158

Examiner: Epperson, Jon D.

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1639

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2003. The original deadline for response was October 30, 2003. A one month petition for extension of time is enclosed, thus extending the deadline to November 30, 2003 which, because it fell on a Sunday, further extends the deadline until December 1, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.